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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Sierra Halstead, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron public health technician, is the Super Saber Performer for the week of July 11 – July 17. Read the entire article at http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123355567. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

U.S. Air Force members from the 606th Air Control Squadron board a plane bound for a deployed location July 8, 2013. The 606th ACS deployed to Southwest Asia for several months to provide air defense of the Arabian Gulf. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano/Released)

Knowledge and experience passed on to 606th deployers

by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 606th Air Control Squadron has deployed to Afghanistan and another part of Southwest Asia for several months. A recent deployer, 1st Lt. Covey McAllister, 606th ACS deputy chief of current operations, has stepped in to share her knowledge and prepare Airmen for the road ahead.

"I am one of the few people in the squadron that has specific interaction with this mission in Afghanistan," said McAllister.

Upon McAllister's return to the squadron in December 2012, Airmen already started training and preparing to deploy again.

"I helped teach academics and hands-on training, ran simulations, clarified air control tower communication, helped people get the right words out at the right time and controlling aircraft safely," said McAllister.

McAllister took the team through several blocks of instruction that prepared the team for their deployment.

"The first block was the academic portion; there are a lot of documents that regulate Afghan air space and our air control procedures," she said. "We have to learn all these new concepts that we wouldn't use here in Germany."

This seven-month training regiment taught them all the different missions they will support during their deployment.

McAllister said there is a huge difference in the 606th ACS mission at Spangdahlem versus down range. They may conduct air space deconfliction, electronic warfare, air refueling, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance, troops in contact and troop support on the ground missions. read the entire article at http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123355427

For up to date information on the 606th ACS deployment please visit the new spangdahlem blog by clicking below.

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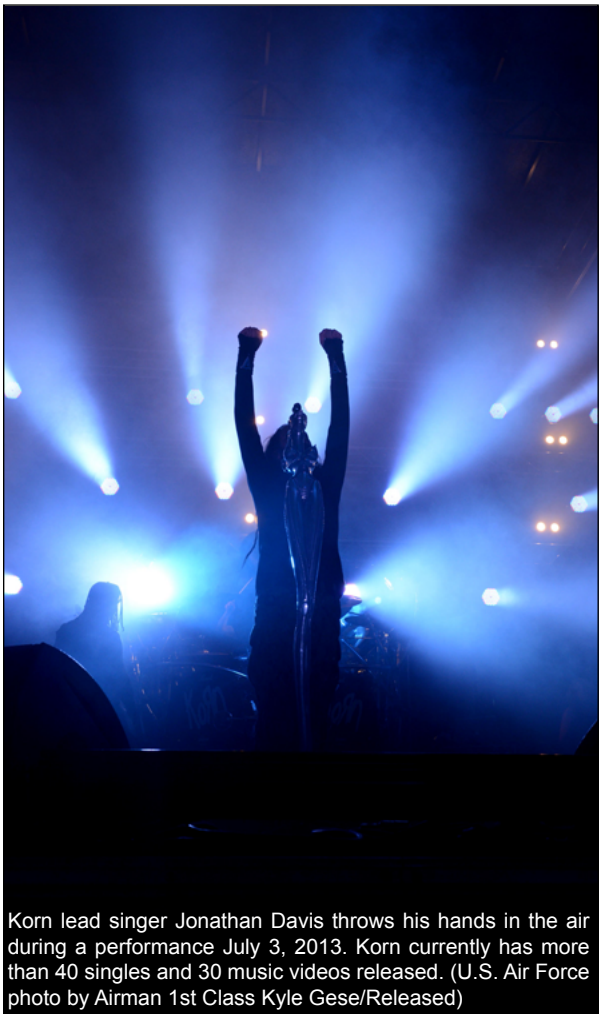
4th of July Lights the Sky

Fireworks explode over Spangdahlem July 4, 2013. Community members gather to appreciate Sabers and close out the Super Saber Appreciation Day celebration. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)



Korn lead singer Jonathan Davis throws his hands in the air during a performance July 3, 2013. Korn currently has more than 40 singles and 30 music videos released. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)

Super Saber Appreciation Day attendees ride a swing July 4, 2013. The 52nd Force Support Squadron sponsored the event to celebrate the Independence Day and show appreciation to the 52nd Fighter Wing community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gustavo Castillo/Released)

Community members watch Korn perform a concert July 3, 2013. Armed Forces Entertainment and the 52nd Force Support Squadron worked to bring Korn to Spangdahlem as the kick off to Super Saber Appreciation day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Ruano/Released)

Holding down the fort

by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese
52 Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force graduates approximately 36,000 Airmen from basic military training each year.

The training never stops. The Air Force upholds high standards and training requirements to maintain mission readiness and ensure that Airmen are fully capable of carrying out core tasks and are prepared to deploy.

At Spangdahlem, the 606th Air Control Squadron is a self-contained mobile combat unit that provides ground-to-air communication to combat pilots. As part of the rigorous efforts required for the 606th's upcoming deployment, Airmen from 21 different specialties have undergone numerous training programs, a combat readiness training course, weapons training and various emergency medical classes.

The Airmen must know the basics of maintaining their equipment and make sure they are ready for their deployment to Southwest Asia.

However, this Airman will stay behind to continue his training at Spangdahlem.

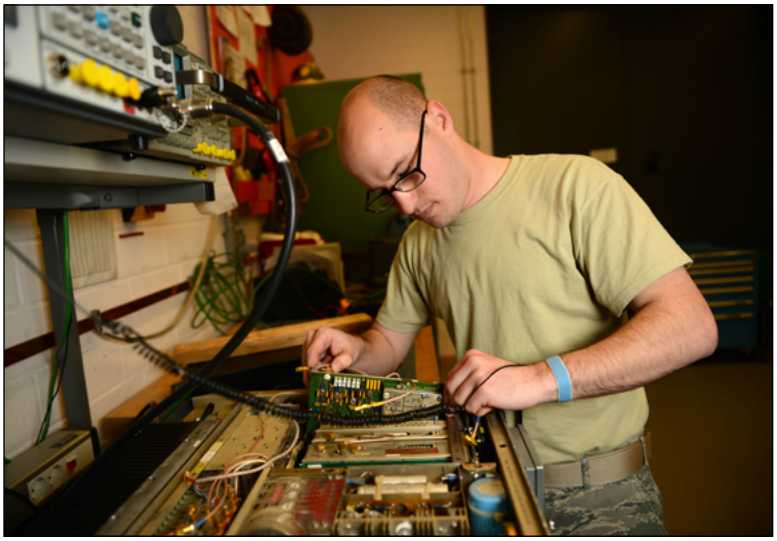
His normal day

Airman 1st Class Alex Loller's alarm blares at 6 a.m., waking him from a fitful night's sleep. Before he completely wakes, he ponders the upcoming events that will take place throughout the day until reveille plays. Rubbing his crusty eyes, he wrenches himself out of bed and into the bathroom where he gets ready for a long day's work.

Once Loller gets to work, he checks his email. His office is quite full, and it takes a while before he gets the chance to get to a computer, but this gives him enough time to eat his breakfast and study his career development courses. Later that morning, he troubleshoots radios and maintains communications equipment, such as land mobile radios.

Being a member of the radio frequency transmissions shop, Loller and his colleagues are responsible for various types of communications equipment. A large part of the job is making sure the equipment is fully functional for the missions they are required to carry out.

After his long and tedious day, he cleans up the shop and makes his way home to enjoy music, a game of cards or movies with friends. On the weekends, he unwinds by visiting with friends.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Alex Lollar, a 606th Air Control Squadron radio frequencies transmissions systems technician from Pensacola Fla., works on a ground radio communications-171 system June 26, 2013. Lollar continues to work on radios and provide support while his colleges are downrange. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle Gese/Released)

Why he joined

He joined the Air Force in April 2011 because jobs were scarce and he wanted a job with decent pay.

Read the entire article at http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123355276

International Folk Festival attracts people to beer city

by Iris Reiff
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The 49th annual Bitburg Folk festival, a highlight event in the Bitburg region, is just around the corner, scheduled for July 12-15.

Again this year, 30 folk dancing ensembles from Europe and other continents – all participants will be dressed in their traditional outfits, representing their own country and region - will entertain visitors near and far with traditional folk dances and music. This festival typically attracts tens of thousands of people, flock into the famous beer city to enjoy the fun for four days straight.

Festivities start off at 8 p.m., July 12 with the tapping of the first beer keg at the large festival tent. Best of Phil Collins and Genesis with the "Still Collins" cover band will follow at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are 13 Euro per person at the door.

Activities continue at 10 a.m., July 13 with the welcome of guests from 11 different countries by the city mayor of Bitburg, Joachim Kandels. Dancing groups will introduce themselves with performances shortly afterward. Location is Postvorplatz, in the pedestrian area.

A highlight event of each year's festival is certainly the traditional beer keg rolling contest of Bitburg, when participants hustle 50-liter beer barrels down a 100-meter course. Winners will be honored at the tent following the contest. This is a fun event to watch and sometimes, a few members from the base also participate. the time is at 2:30 p.m., July 13 on Triererstrasse.

A childrens' folk festival kicks off at 3 p.m., July 13, featuring folk dancing groups and clown "Oh Larry", who will ask children to get involved with the different activities offered.

Starting at 8 p.m., July 13, all participating folk groups from 11 countries will officially march into the tent for dance performances. This is a long but also enjoyable event for those people who enjoy folk dancing.

Read the entire article at http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123355563

For the 49th year straight, folk dancing ensembles from all over Europe and other continents have danced at the annual Bitburg Folk festival, a highlight event in the Bitburg region. This year's event is scheduled for July 12-15, offering fun for young and old. Participants will be dressed in their traditional outfits, representing their own country and region, entertaining visitors from far and near with traditional folk dances and music. This festival typically attracts ten thousands of people, who flock into the famous beer city four days straight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Iris Reiff /Released)

What's happening?

events in the Saber community

Basic Car Care Maintenance Course
A class about basic "do it yourself" car maintenance takes place July 13. The cost is $20 per person and includes instruction from a trained mechanic, oil and a filter. For more information, call DSN 452-6842 or 06565-61-6842.

Club Members Breakfast
A free breakfast for club members takes place 6:30- 8:30 a.m., July 17 at Club Eifel. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

P.J. Family Fun Night
A pajama-themed family fun night takes place July 18. The event is free and for members only. Reservations are required and can be made from July 1-12. For more information, call DSN 452-4633 or 06565-61-4633.

Extreme Weekend
An Austrian Adventure trip takes place July 18-21. The cost is $745 dollars for tandem paragliding and $945 dollars for tandem skydiving. Cost covers transportation, three overnights, breakfast, dinner, canyoning and rafting. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

No-Tap Tournament
A No-Tap bowling tournament takes place at 6 p.m., July 19. The cost is $20 for members and $25 for non-members. Sign-ups begin at 5 p.m. For more information, call DSN 452-6217 or 06565-61-6217.

Technology Expo
A free tech expo takes place from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., July 24. The expo is free and open to all military, civilian, and contractor personnel. The expo will include more than 25 exhibitors and will provide hands-on demonstrations. For more information, email Johnson@ncsi.com

Best of Paris
An overnight trip to Paris takes place July 27. The cost is $133 for shared rooms and $200 for single rooms. Passports are required. For more information, call DSN 452-6567 or 06565-61-6567.

The Art of Marriage
An Art of Marriage seminar takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m, July 26-27 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Trier. The cost is 25 Euro per couple and covers all material needed for the seminar, dinner, breakfast, snacks, and hotel accommodations for one night. For more information, call DSN 452-6711 or 06565-61-6711

National Parents Day Bowling
A Free bowling event takes place 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., July 28 in celebration of National Parents Day. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

Karting at St. Vith
A trip to the track takes place Aug. 10. The cost is $20 per person and includes 35 minutes on the karts, laser tag, sumo wrestling or fun-boxing, one game of bowling, 7Di Cinema, rodeo and two soft drinks. For more information, call DSN 452-7170 or 06565-61-7170.

Dorm Wars
The battle of the dorms begins Aug. 17. The event is free and participants can engage in games of strength, speed and skill in the battle to the top. Winners will be rewarded prizes, glory, and legendary status. The final event closes out with the annual Block Party. More details to come.

Winter Bowling League
Sign-ups for the winter bowling league have begun. The season starts at the end of August and includes No-Tap Monday for 18 and older, Tuesday scratch league, Wednesday Base Intramural, and Saturday Youth Bowling. For more information, call DSN 452-2695 or 06565-61-2695.

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